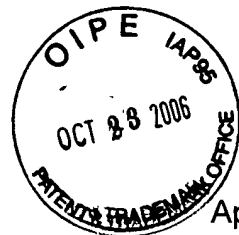


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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated July 19, 2006. The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on October 19, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

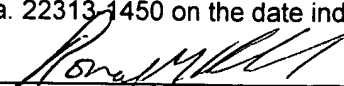
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